

REMARKS

Claims 48-69 and 71-74 are presented for the Examiner's review and consideration. In this response, claim 58 is amended. Applicant believes the claim amendments and the accompanying remarks herein serve to clarify the present invention and are independent of patentability. No new matter has been added.

Objections to the Specification

The abstract was objected to for, *inter alia*, containing the terms "i.e." and "said". Applicant notes that in a previous response, the Abstract was amended to remove these terms. However, in order to advance prosecution of the application, the Abstract has been further amended, herein, in accordance with the Objection.

In addition, paragraph [0073] has been amended herein, to include a reference to a gear shaft that is shown in the drawings, but not identified in the specification. No new matter has been added.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Objection to the Specification.

Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a), for not showing the horn contact, horn circuit, and airbag support tube. The drawings were further objected to for failing to comply with 37 CFR §1.84(p)(5), for failing to include reference signs mentioned in the description. In addition, the drawings were objected to because figure 17a was duplicated. For reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections should be withdrawn.

With respect to the horn contact (62), horn circuit (ground, 62, 19), and airbag support tube (58, 60), these elements are shown and described, for example, in as-filed Fig's. 15a-15c, and paragraph [0070].

Reference numerals have been provided in the attached replacement sheets, which additionally eliminate duplicate figure 17a. Sheets upon which reference numerals were added or

corrected include those containing figures 1a, 2a-3a, 4a-5a, 4b-5b, 6a, 7a, 8a-9a, 10a, 11a, 12a, 13a, 14a, 15a, 16a, 17a-17b, 18a, 19a, and 20a. No other substantive changes were made, and no new matter has been added.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Objections to the drawings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 48-69 and 71-74 were allowed. Applicant is interested in proceeding to issuance, and respectfully requests a telephone call to the undersigned in order to expedite the application, should there be any remaining issues needing resolution.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested.

A fee of \$1,110 for a 3 month extension, and \$810 for an RCE, are believed to be due and are being paid herewith. However, please charge any other required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7100-X06-029).

Respectfully submitted,

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